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## Like Air Force Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, you may already be a sex criminal

WASHINGTON, DC — Like Air Force pilot Kelly Flinn, you could be a sex criminal — and not even know it.

That's because in 27 states, the "crime" that First Lieutenant Flinn was charged with — adultery — is also against state law, the Libertarian Party pointed out today.

"You don't have to be in the military to face prosecution by the Sex Police," said Steve Dasbach, party chairman. "In fact, tens of millions of otherwise law-abiding Americans are guilty of love crimes, thanks to perverted laws passed by politicians."

■ **A state-by-state study reveals that adult Americans can be arrested for such "crimes" as adultery, cohabitation, and premarital sex — and can face punishments ranging from a \$10 fine to life imprisonment.**

"Maybe you thought that what you do in your bedroom is *your* business, and your business alone," said Dasbach. "But like First Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, you run the risk of being dragged straight from your bedroom to a prison cell if you get caught."

Flinn, the nation's first female bomber pilot, escaped prosecution and a likely prison term for the military crime of adultery by resigning from the Air Force last week.

"Other Americans may not be so lucky," warned Dasbach, who noted . . .

- In 27 states, **adultery** is against the law. Penalties for cheating on your spouse range as high as a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.
- In 20 states, **sodomy** is against the law. Maximum sentence: Life imprisonment. Even married couples can be prosecuted under these laws.
- In 10 states, **fornication** — sex between unmarried adults — is illegal.
- In 10 states, **cohabitation** is illegal.

Fortunately, few Americans are punished anymore under these laws, said Dasbach. "But the fact that such laws exist has a chilling effect on Americans, and gives police the power to arbitrarily threaten, harass, and arrest individuals," he said. "It's time for Americans to demand a separation of sex and state — and kick the politicians *out* of our bedrooms."

**Are you a sex criminal? Call the Libertarian Party to find out which consensual sex acts are outlawed in *your* state.**

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